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**REV. J. H. SIMPSON
SENDS GREETINGS**

**HOPES THE LANTERN WILL
CONTINUE TO SHINE.**

**Writes Interestingly of the Prob-
lems of Keeping White Peo-
ple in the Country.**

Altus, Ok a., Dec. 31 —Dear Editors
You are two and no longer can I use
the singular number, as I have done
for many years. I am sorry to give
up the one faithful, laborious editor.

give a good, clear, white light. His judgement or sense of propriety as to what should be put into gold type

was very correct. All who read his paper had no fear of finding any taint of the smell of whiskey in it. It is my hope and belief that the two editors will keep *The Lantern* clean, the burner trimmed, and well supplied with the purest "head light" oil. There

continue to sing their weekly duet in praise of the city and of the country and of the state.

It is well to boast of the rapid growth of the town, but is it best to build up the towns and depopulate the country? Does the town support the country?

and move to town? These are problems worthy of consideration. Moreover, if the country people sell out and move to town are you not afraid of an increase of loafers, an "undesirable" class of citizens? Have you not enough of idle people? I have no fear of Brother Bigham joining this class of citizens. I think he will be "dispos-

so utterly disgusted with two loafers sitting at a store in front of his house, that he made a vow never again to sit down in or at any store. When he went later to stores the loafers and clerks would always offer him a seat, a chair, box or nail keg. His standing habit became so noticeable and he was asked, "Why do you not sit down?" His response was, "I don't want to."

ply was, "I am a standing customer. If I have nothing to do I will do it at home with my wife and children. The time may soon come when they will leave the home, their chairs vacant and their voices heard no more." Those chronic loafers had wives at home all along busy cooking and washing oftentimes when the woodbox was empty, clothes were soiled and the walls

empty, ships were scarce and the weather was deep. Thirty years have passed since and that disgusted man has kept his sorrow and is still a "standing" customer in all stores north, south, east and west.

Dear Editors, this is my sermon and you may prefix the text, *Luke 24:47*. The Lantern and long may it shine upon my native land and my pathway to

the far West.

John H. Simpson.

Advice to a Young Man.

Remember, my son, you have to work. Whether you handle a pick or a shovel, dig ditches or edit a paper, ring a bell or make frozen apples.

around; you will see the men who are able to live the most able to live the rest of their lives without work are the men who work the hardest. Don't fear of killing yourself by overwork. It is better to spend your power to do that on the sunny side of thirty. They die sometimes, but it's because they quit working.

at 6 p. m. It's the interval that kills my soul. The work gives you a perfect and grateful appreciation of a holiday. There are young men who do not work, but the world is not proud of them; it simply speaks of them as old So-and So's boy. Nobody likes them; the great busy world doesn't know that they are there. So find out what you want to be and do.

and take off your coat and make dinner in the world. The bunster you are the less harm you will be apt to get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, the brighter and happier your holidays, and the better satisfied the world will be with you. — Bob Burns

Cotton Broker Dies in Church.

New York, Jan. 1.—Thomas Parsons, 69 years old, a member of the New York cotton exchange, died suddenly today in his pew at the First Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, just after making a speech at the New Year's services.

The following county officers went into office today: Mr. J. E. Cornwall succeeds Mr. J. B. Westbrook as clerk of court. Mr. T. J. Cornwall is deputy clerk. Mr. D. E. Colvin succeeds Mr. Andrew Peden as sheriff. Mr. Glendon Dye is deputy sheriff.

